MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Relating to a plan for equalizing the pay of the Officers of the Army and Navy, and made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate.

December 5, 1833,
Read, and ordered to be printed.

Washington, *December* 5, 1833.

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate, at its last session, requesting the President "to cause to be prepared, and laid before the Senate at the commencement of its session, a plan for equalizing the pay of the officers in the army and navy according to their relative rank, and providing a stated salary, or fixed compensation for their services in lieu of present allowances;" I submit, herewith, a report from the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments, to whom the subject was referred. It is believed the plan they have presented meets, substantially, the objects of the resolution.

ANDREW JACKSON.

Washington, *November* 29, 1833.

Sir: We beg leave to report the annexed plan in statements A and B, on the subject of the following resolution, which you referred to our examination:

"*Resolved*, That the President be requested to cause to be prepared and laid before the Senate at the commencement of its session, a plan for equalizing the pay of the officers in the army and navy according to their relative rank, and providing a stated salary or fixed compensation for their services in lieu of present allowances."

United States' Senate, *March* 2, 1833.

These statements have been prepared with much care, and the pay in them is as nearly equalized as the present condition and the different natures of the two services are thought to admit. It is believed they will substantially meet the objects contemplated in the above resolution.

We are, sir,
Very respectfully,
LEWIS CASS.
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To the President *of the United States.*

STATEMENT A.

Proposed plan for equalizing the pay of the Officers of the Army and Navy.

ARMY.		NAVY.
Major General	$5,500	Senior Captain of the Navy.
Brigadier General	4,200	Other Captains when commanding squadrons, or acting as Navy Commissioners.
Colonels of all the different regiments and corps, and of the staff, each	2,600	Captains over five years' standing.
Lieutenant Colonels of all the different regiments and corps, each	2,300	Captains of and under five years' standing.
Majors of all the different regiments and corps, and of the staff, each Commissaries of Subsistence, Paymasters, Surgeons of ten years' standing, Professors of the Military Academy, Chaplain and Professor of Ethics, Teacher of Drawing, Assistant Quartermasters having the rank of captain in the line, each	2,000	Masters Commandant. Surgeon of a fleet.
Aid-de-Camp to a Major General Surgeons under ten years' standing	1,600	Surgeons over five years' standing, and at sea.
Captains of all the different regiments and corps, and of the staff; Aid-de-Camp to a Brigadier General, Adjutant, Assistant Surgeons of ten years' standing, Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence, supplying more than two companies; Teachers and Assistant Professors of the Military Academy, Assistant Quartermasters, having the rank of Subalterns in the line; Military Storekeepers, each	1,400	Lieutenants. Surgeons at a yard, and over ten years' standing.
First Lieutenant of all the different regiments and corps; Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence, supplying less than two companies; Assistant Surgeons under ten years' standing, each	1,100	The other variations in the pay of Surgeons in the Navy, graduated by their standing and duties, are shown in statement B. As they do not correspond precisely with the pay of Surgeons and Assistants in the Army, they are not exhibited in this table.
Second Lieutenants of all the different regiments and corps, each	1,000	It is considered unnecessary to continue this comparative statement below the grade of Captain in the Army, as there is, after that, little, if any, analogy in the rank, except in the cases of Cadets and Midshipmen; nor has it been found practicable to reduce the pay of any of these grades to a common standard. Statement B shows the nearest approach to this result.
Sword Master of the Military Academy; Brevet Second Lieutenants, each	800	
Cadets, each	300	

Captains of Dragoons, and of other corps, when ordered to be mounted by the President, to be allowed forage for three horses each: Subalterns, in like manner, to be allowed forage for two horses each, in kind; or, if in money, at the rate of eight dollars per month for each horse actually kept in service.

No officer above Captain to be allowed forage, as that item is embraced in the estimate of his pay.

Travelling expenses and courts-martial allowance the same as now established.

Where an officer having lineal rank receives staff-pay, the pay and allowances of his proper military grade in the line to cease.

The above to be in full of all other allowance whatever.

The following table exhibits the maximum amount of pay, and stated allowances, which the respective grades of the army can receive, and the average amount actually received during the year 1832:

GRADES.	Actually received.	Maximum amount.	Difference.	Proposed pay.
Major General	$6,528 80	$6,634 00	$105 20	$5,500
Brigadier General	4,265 20	4,515 00	249 80	4,200
Colonel	2,678 65	3,014 00	335 35	2,600
Lieutenant Colonel	2,329 80	2,497 50	167 70	2,300
Major	2,099 40	2,231 50	132 10	2,000
Captain	1,442 91	1,569 00	126 09	1,400
First Lieutenant	1,103 52	1,443 00	339 48	1,100
Second Lieutenant	1,027 40	1,383 00	355 60	1,000
Brevet Second Lieutenants	1,027 40	1,383 00	355 60	800
Cadets	338 00	338 00	-	300

In submitting the accompanying plan of equalization, the general principle has been assumed of taking the average amount actually received by each grade, as the future established pay for such grade, rejecting the fractional sums above that amount.

This principle has not been materially departed from, except in the following cases.

The amount allowed Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons, and the Teacher of Drawing at the Military Academy, has been increased, in consequence of the acknowledged inadequacy of their compensation.

All the others have been reduced, and of these, the pay and allowances of Major Generals are reduced from $6,520 80 to $5,500; and those of Brevet Second Lieutenants from $1,027 to $800.

These grades seemed to admit a greater reduction than any others.

The compensation of the staff officers has been graduated, as nearly as may be, by the same principle, but is of course subject to variation, as the same staff appointment may be held by officers of different grades.

Some inequality will result from the establishment of any plan substituting a fixed sum for all the various allowances which, at present, form the compensation of the officers of the army; because many of these allowances are contingent, depending on the nature of the duty and the expense to which the officers are subjected. Those stationed at the city of Washington, and at some other places, must rent houses, while those at posts, where there are public quarters, are supplied with these, free of charge. Should it however be deemed necessary, this might be obviated by a special provision.

STATEMENT B.

A proposed plan for equalizing more nearly the pay of the Officers of the Navy and of the Army.

NAVY. The annual pay of the officers of the Navy shall be as follows, viz.	Amount.	ARMY. Officers of the Army, corresponding in rank to officers of the Navy, as follows, viz.
1. The Senior Captain of the navy, while on duty at sea - -	$5,500	1. Major General.
In other situation on duty - -	4,500	
On leave of absence, or waiting orders - - - -	3,000	
2. Other Captains, when commanding squadrons, or when acting as Navy Commissioners - - -	4,200	2. Brigadier General.
3. Captains over five years' standing, in command of vessels at sea, and of yards - - - -	3,500	3. Colonel.
On leave, or waiting orders - -	2,300	
4. Captains of and under five years, in command of a vessel at sea, or of a yard - - - -	2,800	4. Lieutenant Colonel.
On leave, or waiting orders - -	2,000	
5. Masters Commandant in command of a vessel - - - -	2,000	5. Major.
At a yard - - - -	1,600	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	1,400	
6. Lieutenants in command of a vessel	1,500	6. Captain.
First Lieutenant of a vessel, or in a yard - - - -	1,200	
Other lieutenants at a yard, or at sea	1,000	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	800	
7. Surgeon of a fleet - -	2,000	7. Surgeons.
Over ten years, and at sea - -	1,600	
At a yard - - - -	1,400	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	1,000	
Under ten years at sea - -	1,300	
Under ten years at a yard - -	1,100	
Under ten years, on leave, or waiting orders - - - -	800	
Purser in a ship of the line of 3 decks	3,500	No corresponding rank.
In a ship of the line of 2 decks -	3,000	
In a frigate - - - -	2,500	
In a sloop of war - - -	2,000	
In a smaller vessel - - -	1,500	
At a yard - - - -	1,200	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	750	
Chaplains at sea - - -	1,000	No corresponding rank in the army.
At a yard - - - -	800	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	500	

Statement B—Continued.

NAVY. The annual pay of the officers of the Navy shall be as follows, viz.	Amount.	ARMY. Officers of the Army, corresponding in rank to officers of the Navy, as follows, viz.
8. Sailingmaster, at sea - -	$900	8. First Lieutenant.
At a yard - - - -	750	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	500	
9. Assistant Surgeons, over ten years at sea - - - -	1,000	9. Assistant Surgeon.
Under ten years, at sea, or when passed for surgeons at sea - -	900	
Both, at a yard - - -	800	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	500	
10. Second Master, at sea - -	600	10. Second Lieutenant.
At a yard - - - -	500	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	300	
Passed Midshipmen, at sea - -	500	
At a yard - - - -	400	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	300	
Warranted Master's Mate - -	480	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	300	
Schoolmasters, at sea, or in a yard -	600	No corresponding rank.
11. Midshipmen, at sea - -	350	11. Cadet.
At a yard - - - -	275	
On leave, or waiting orders - -	200	
Clerks to commanders of squadrons, to captains of fleets, and to commanders of vessels - - [But the pay of secretaries and clerks shall be paid only during the time the officer to whom they are allowed shall be actually employed.]	480	No corresponding rank.
Boatswain - - - -	480	Do do.
On leave, or waiting orders - -	100	
Gunner - - - -	480	Do do.
On leave, or waiting orders - -	100	
Sailmaker - - - -	420	Do do.
On leave, or waiting orders - -	100	
Carpenter - - - -	480	Do do.
On leave, or waiting orders - -	100	
Marine officers to have the pay of corresponding ranks in the army.]		

1. The above is to be in full of pay and subsistence, and all kinds of allowances, except one ration per day, when on duty at a yard, or in a vessel, and except travel as now, and detention on special service.

2. The amount of pay and subsistence is to be diminished one-half from pay at a yard, while on furlough, and while not in readiness to obey orders.

Navy Department, *29th November*, 1833.